

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-19 and 21-34 are pending in this application. Applicant appreciates the Office Action's indication that claims 2, 3, 15, 16, 20, 21, 33 and 34 contain allowable subject matter.

By this Amendment, claims 15 and 33 are rewritten in independent form to place claims 15, 16, 33 and 34 in condition for allowance.

Claims 1 and 17 are amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter recited in claim 2. Claim 19 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter recited in claim 20. Claims 2 and 20 are canceled, and claims 3 and 21 are amended to change their dependence to claims 1 and 19, respectively.

Claims 17 and 18 are amended to recite a computer-readable product. Claims 4, 6, 9, 10, 13, 16, 18, 22, 24, 27-31, 33 and 34 are amended for better clarity or to obviate informalities.

The specification is amended to correct a typographical error.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge consideration of the reference listed on, and return an initialed copy of, the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement concurrently filed herewith.

The Office Action objects to the specification. The specification is amended to correct a typographical error, as the Examiner suggested. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to the claims. The claims are amended for better clarity or to obviate informalities, as the Examiner suggested. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the claims is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claims 17 and 18 are amended to recite a "computer-readable product," which is statutory subject matter. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §101 is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 4-14, 17-19 and 22-32 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent Publication 2005/0099446 to Mizes et al. Independent claims 1, 17 and 19 are amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter recited in claims 2 and 20, respectively. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 4-14, 17-19 and 22-32 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 3-19 and 21-34 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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